Power production from wind energy

†3462. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a target was fixed for power production in the field of wind-energy during Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the quantity set out in the target and the possibilities of overall power production capacity explored from this sector in the country;

(c) whether it is a fact that the production made by March, 2000 from this sector is much lower than the target; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the shortfall in the production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A target for installation of 1000 MW wind power capacity has been fixed for the Ninth Five Year Plan. A total wind power capacity of 1167 MW has so far been installed in the country.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The progress in the first three years of the Ninth Plan has been slow on account of the following factors; general economic and industrial scenario; introduction of Minimum Alternative Tax (MAT); impact of reduction of Corporate Tax Rate on the extent of benefit from accelerated depreciation; inadequate power evacuation facilities in major potential areas; and, delays in land allotment, forestry clearance and other approvals in certain States.

Implementation of Urjagram Programme

3463. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is Urjagram Programme being implemented by Government with its alient features;

(b) whether the programme is being implemented in the State of Gujarat;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the progress made by the programme so far in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) to (c) A

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Centrally Sponsored Scheme-Urjagram Programme, which envisaged demonstration of various kinds of renewable energy devices and systems in a few selected villages to meet the energy requirements, was implemented in all States and Union Territories, including Gujarat up to the year 1996-97.

(d) A total of 33 villages distributed in 19 districts in the State of Gujarat had been covered under the Urjagram Programme, the distribution statement of villages is enclosed. (*See* below)

Statement

Distribution of Villages in Gujarat State covered under Urjagram Programme

S.No.	Village	District
1.	Tikar Rann	Surendranagar
2.	Chervira	Surendranagar
3.	Rapar Gadhvali	Kachchh
4.	Mahal	Dangs
5.	Ugta	Valsad
6.	Malu	Panchmahals
7.	Acchala	Panchmahals
8.	Ratanmahal	Panchmahals
9.	Raliyatigurjar	Panchmahals
10.	Khandia	Vadodara
11.	Ratanpur	Vadodara
12.	Pipaldi	Vadodara
13.	Kalyanpura	Kheda
14.	Pinglaj	Kheda
15.	Bhimpore	Surat
16.	Popda	Surat
17.	Mordevi	Surat
18.	Zarvani	Bharuch
19.	Vavkampa	Sabarkantha
20.	Sajapur	Sabarkantha
21.	Bhemapur	Sabarkantha
22.	Dhabal	Sabarkantha
23.	Ruppura	Banaskantha
24.	Antiness	Junagadh

S.No.	Village	District
25.	Patapur	Junagadh
26.	Ratanpur	Ahmedabad
27.	Randesan	Gandhinagar
28.	Tank Vasna	Mehsana
29.	Methan	Mehsana
30.	Vagudalmota	Jamnagar
31.	Ratidevdi	Rajkot
32.	Nap	Bhavnagar
33.	Shiyalbet	Amreli

UNDP aided projects in Maharastra

3464. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects started in Maharastra State with the help of United Nations Developments Programme Fund during the last two years year-wise;

(b) the grants received from UN for these projects and the amounts provided by the Central and State Governments; and

(c) the result achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) In the field of non-conventional energy, no projects have been started with the help of United Nations Development Programme in the state of Maharashtra during last two years.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Employees in the Power Sector

3465. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any uniform policy to protect the service of all employees working in power sector;